



सत्यमेव जयते

D.O. No. I-11011/148/2016-DBT

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Dear Secretary,

This is with reference to the need for establishing a standard location code directory of administrative units (village/ Gram Panchayat/ block/ district, etc.) to be used across all databases, especially in the context of DBT implementation across schemes of Government of India.

2. You may be aware that the Local Government Directory (LGD) of Ministry of Panchayati Raj is based on Census Codes and already has the provision for updation as and when there is any change in the boundary of administrative units due to creation/splitting/merger, etc. of the same. However, LGD has not been used uniformly across databases and there is no mechanism at present where Census Codes are dynamically updated. Many Central Ministries/Departments like D/o Rural Development and State Land and Revenue Departments provide their own location codes. Thus, lack of uniform location codes makes it a challenging task to consolidate information on beneficiaries across the country at granular level on the DBT portal.

3. In this regard, BT Mission has been holding several deliberations with specific Ministries/Departments namely MeitY, D/o Rural Development, M/o Urban Development, M/o Panchayati Raj, office of Survey of India and RGI. Two specific points that have emerged from the deliberations are as follows:

i. Regular updation of location codes in LGD, as and where there is any change in the boundary of administrative unit to be ensured

ii. All scheme databases to use location codes as provided in LGD

4. Initiating efforts towards using LGD as the national location directory, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) has already written to all Ministries / Departments and States / UTs vide DO Letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2016. A copy of the letter is enclosed for ready reference.

5. Further, in consultation with all stakeholders, a Report on Location Code Standardization has been drafted with specific recommendations on using LGD as the standard location code directory across all databases. The draft report is hereby enclosed.

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6. In view of the above, the following are sought from all Ministries/Departments.

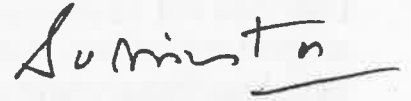
i. Inputs/comments on the draft report on location standardisation along with feasibility of using LGD codes for all schemes implemented by the Ministry/Department, wherever location codes are necessary

ii. Consent for using LGD in all databases of schemes implemented by the Ministry/Department.

7. It is thereby requested that the requisite inputs/comments may be provided to DBT Mission by 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2016.

Regards

Yours sincerely,



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Encl.as above (sent by email dated 08.11.2016, as the document is bulky)

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